Compensation to the families of coal mine accident victims

2578. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of accidents that took place in various coal mines during the last five years;

(b) the allotment so far made for safety measures in each public sector coal mines;

(c) the nature of punishment awarded to those persons, who are directly or indirectly responsible for accidents due to negligence of the management in which a number of coal workers died during the last five years; and

(d) the compensation so far made to the deceased families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The comparative figures of accidents that took place in various coal mines of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) during the last five years are as under:

Year	No. of Fatal Accidents	No. of Serious Accidents
2002	76	599
2003	79	519
2004	77	652
2005	85	1178
2006	65	917

NOTE: Figures for the year 2005 and 2006 are subject to reconciliation with DGMS.

(b) The fund allocated for safety measures, subsidiary-wise of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company limited during the last five years are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Company	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Eastern Coalfields Ltd,	11988.96	12578.00	12974.00	12588.00	13055.55
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	16604.48	17118.05	14283.87	16017.43	17159.37
Central Coalfields Ltd.	1487.93	1715.64	2252.21	2483.91	2407.97
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	602.00	864.00	4960.00	4998.00	4108
Western Coalfields Ltd.	7044.28	7413.18	6950.00	7474.80	7475.76
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	8870.00	9988.26	10025.75	10799.45	11219.5
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	2198.02	4516.00	5054.48	5293.00	5658.39
North Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	459.93	500.00	274.00	404.00	640.93
CIL Total:	49255.60	54693.13	56774.31	60058.59	61725.47
SCCL	24695.00	20080.00	23195.00	27336.00	33088.00

(c) Based on the findings of the enquiry carried out by Directorate General of Mines Safety under the Mines Act, 1952 including Courts of Enquiry constituted by Central Government or by the Internal Safety Organisation of the coal companies, the nature of punishment awarded to those who were found responsible for accidents during last five years include removal/dismissal from service, suspension, demotion/ reversion.withholding of promotion, stoppage of increment, reduction of increments, warning,censuring, issue of charge-sheets, etc.

(d) The compensation made to the deceased families by Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. in the last five years is given below:

Year	Figures in rupees
2002	23477294
2003	30815104
2004	25900967
2005	32787964
2006	37113251

Captive coal mining

2579. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to allocate 38 coal blocks for captive coal mining to the power, iron, steel and cement sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the applications have since been invited from the concerned agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these blocks are likely to be allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The advertisement was issued by the Government in the month of November, 2006 inviting applications from eligible companies for allocation of 38 coal blocks for captive mining to be submitted by January 12,2007. Total of 1422 applications have been received.

(e) The allocation of coal blocks will depend on the time by which views/ comments of the State Governments and Administrative Ministries concerned are obtained and the recommendations of the Screening Committee constituted for the purpose are received. No definite date can be given at this stage.

Difference in transportation rates of SECL

2580. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: